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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Mathias PANICKE, et al.  
Serial No. : (U.S. National Stage of PCT/EP2004/052482)  
For : DEVICE FOR COUPLING AN ULTRASOUND  
CLAMP-ON MEASURING HEAD PLACED ON  
THE WALL OF A TUBE  
Group Art Unit : UNKNOWN  
Examiner : UNKNOWN

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified patent  
application as follows: